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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2004 and Advisory Action dated September 3, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed herewith, in which:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.